- The Committee for Development of the Entertainment Sector, a sub-committee of the 24th State Information Ministers' Conference (SIMCON), set up to suggest a policy framework for the film industry has recommended reduction of entertainment tax; steps to counter piracy in the film sector, measures to facilitate foreign film shooting in India etc.
- A Venture Capital Committee which was set up to sugggest a strategy to facilitate the flow of venture capital into the sector has submitted its recommendations.
- The National Film Development Corporation, a public sector unit under its Ministry provides limited funding for films and oversees the integrated growth of the film industry in tune with objectives of the national economic policy.

Channels of TV programmes in all regional languages

1513. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government can take initiative to make compulsory inclusion of the programmes including news bulletin in all the regional languages of the country in private television channels also;

(b) whether Government will also take steps to include programmes including news bulletin on DD-I in those languages, which have been included recently in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Government does not decide programme schedules or content of private channels. However, programmes on private channels transmitted/retransmitted through Cable Television Networks are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder.

(b) and (c) Prasar Bharati have informed that programmes and news bulletins in Bodo, Dogri, Maithili and Santhali already form part of the

programme schedule of Doordarshan Kendras at Guwahati, Jammu, Patna and Kolkata respectively.

Postponement of discussion for "Charcha Main"

1514. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had forced to postpone an hour long discussion for "Charcha Main" which was to be telecast as per the schedule;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the seven panelists were informed about the postponement of the pre-scheme at the last moment; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Prasar Bharati, an autonomous organization has informed that the non-telecast was a result of an editorial decision taken by them.

Pending cases in Delhi High Court

†1515. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criminal and civil cases registered in Delhi High Court during the years 1987, 1988 and 1989, year-wise;

(b) the list of pending cases as on date, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for the pendency of the cases; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to dispose of the above pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) As per the information furnished by High Court of Delhi, 3031 criminal, 8415 civil cases in 1987, 3315

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.